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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 10 to 20 December 1993, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of surveillance and provocation.

Date		Details
10 December 1993	(a)	Northern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.
	(b)	Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,500-8,500 m, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Chabayish, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah and Busayyah.
11 December 1993	(a)	Northern region: 27 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-7,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.
	(b)	Southern region: 59 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-8,500 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Qal'at Salih, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi, Busayyah, Salman and Ushbayjah. At 1208 hours on the same day, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying over Basra, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Amarah, Shatrah and Busayyah at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m. At 1448 hours it returned to Saudi Arabian airspace.
12 December 1993	(a)	Northern region: No air activity was recorded in this region on 12 December 1993.

(b) Southern region: No air activity was recorded in this region on 12 December 1993.

13 December 1993 (a) Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-7,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 47 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-8,500 m, centred on Qurnah, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

14 December 1993 (a) Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Ayn Zalah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-8,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Salman and Chabayish.

15 December 1993 (a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in this region on 15 December 1993.

(b) Southern region: 47 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-8,500 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Chabayish, Qurnah, Artawi and Busayyah.

16 December 1993 (a) Northern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-8,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Dokan and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 51 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-8,500 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

17 December 1993 (a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Tall Afar and Dokan.

(b) Southern region: 61 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-8,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Khidr, Salman, Lasaf, Artawi, Ushbayjah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Qal'at Salih.

18 December 1993 (a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in this region on 18 December 1993.

(b) Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-9,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Amarah, Basra, Artawi, Qurnah, Chabayish and Busayyah.

19 December 1993 (a) Northern region: 29 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-11,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 70 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,500-10,000 m, centred on Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Qal'at Salih, Artawi and Jalibah.

20 December 1993 (a) Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-9,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 75 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-8,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Basra, Amarah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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